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OFFICE; OSLO - PER SCHREINER, MOF; OTTAWA - FRANCOIS LACASSE, TREASURY BOARD; PARIS - C. STOFFAES, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE CONTACT AT PLAN; STOCKHOLM - ULF JAKOBSSON, MOF. FYI - FOR EMBASSIES UNFAMILIAR WITH INTERFUTURES PROJECT, IT IS THREE YEAR RESEARCH PROJECT (SCHEDULED TO END IN DECEMBER) CHARGED WITH EXAMINING "THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES IN HARMONY WITH THAT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES". THE PROJECT'S RESEARCH IS SUPPOSED TO BE CLOSELY RELATED TO PRACTICAL CONCERNS OF GOVERNMENT POLICY IN EXAMINING TRENDS, OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS (PARTICULARLY AIMED AT THE NATURE AND IMPORTANCE OF STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE WORLD ECONOMY) UP TO THE END OF THE CENTURY, RELATING LONGER-TERM PERSPECTIVES TO MEDIUM- AND SHORT-TERM CONCERNS. END FYI.

2. USG REP TO INTERFUTURES STEERING COMMITTEE (TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC POLICY DANIEL BRILL) HAS DISCUSSED WITH PROJECT DIRECTOR LESOURNE THE JAPANESE INTEREST IN HAVING PRESENTATION ON INTERFUTURES MADE AT OECD MINISTERIAL JUNE 14-15. US IS WILLING TO SUPPORT JAPANESE POSITION. WE WOULD IMAGINE THAT PRESENTATION WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF BRIEF ORAL REPORT, WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL FOR MINISTERS. US WOULD WANT THE STEERING COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE TEXT OF ANY REPORT LESOURNE WOULD MAKE, GIVEN THE SERIOUS CONCERNS THAT WE AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE ABOUT THE DIRECTION AND PROGRESS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. USG IS THEREFORE ALSO WILLING TO SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT OF NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FROM APRIL 26-27 TO MAY 25-26, SINCE IT WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW STATEMENT FOR MINISTERIAL.

4. IN VIEW OF STEERING COMMITTEE POSTPONEMENT LESOURNE SUGGESTS ALSO POSTPONING POSSIBLE SENIOR-OFFICIALS MEETING UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH USG POSITION AS STATED AT FEBRUARY STEERING COMMITTEE. WE WOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT JUST AS

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5. BRILL PREVIOUSLY TOLD LESOURNE OF OUR STRONG INTEREST IN ARRANGING JOINT MEETING OF ADVISORY PANEL AND STEERING COMMITTEE, AND SUGGESTED THAT APRIL 20-21 ADVISORY PANEL MEETING BE MOVED SO AS TO PERMIT LATE MAY JOINT SESSION FOR HALF OR FULL DAY. (IDEA FOR MEETING ORIGINATED BY SWEDISH ADVISORY PANEL MEMBER PEHR GYLLENHAMMAR, PRESIDENT OF VOLVO, IN LETTER TO ALL STEERING COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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